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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures provided for in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the updated quantity-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. This notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication as a result of the Uruguay Round, if certain conditions are met. The agreement permits additional duties to be charged if the price of an individual shipment of imported products falls below the average price for similar goods imported during the years 1986-88 by a specified percentage. It also permits additional duties to be imposed if the volume of imports of

an article exceeds the average of the most recent 3 years for which data are available by 5, 10, or 25 percent, depending on the article. These additional duties may not be imposed on quantities for which minimum or current access commitments were made during the Uruguay Round negotiations, and only one type of safeguard, price or quantity, may be applied at any given time to an article.

Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act requires that the President cause to be published in the Federal Register information regarding the price and quantity safeguards, including the quantity trigger levels, which must be updated annually based upon import levels during the most recent 3 years. The President delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, dated December 23, 1994, 60 FR 1005 (Jan. 4, 1995). The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated this duty, which lies with the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service ([7 CFR 2.43\(a\)\(2\)](#)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels.

Additional information on the products subject to safeguards and the additional duties which may apply can be found in subchapter IV of Chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (2014) and in the Secretary of Agriculture's Notice of Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels, published in the Federal Register at [60 FR 427](#) (Jan. 4, 1995).

Notice: As provided in Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously

notified are superceded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice. The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the Federal Register, at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

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ANNEX-QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
Product	Trigger level	Period
Beef	237,876 mt	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Mutton	5,278 mt	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Cream	129,711 liters	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	952,925 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Nonfat Dry Milk	482,615 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Dried Whole Milk	3,315,900 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Dried Cream	10,935 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	41,537 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Butter	6,689,056 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	5,321,260 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Dairy Mixtures	12,688,511 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Blue Cheese	4,499,916 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Cheddar Cheese	8,055,448 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
American-Type Cheese	201,684 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Edam/Gouda Cheese	6,927,820 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Italian-Type Cheese	18,259,276 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	25,055,569 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Gruyere Process Cheese	3,293,010 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Lowfat Cheese	157,337 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
NSPF Cheese	46,496,622 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Peanuts	21,598 mt	April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014
	20,493 mt	April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

Peanut Butter/Paste	3,789 mt	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Raw Cane Sugar	1,033,635 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	599,416 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Refined Sugar and Syrups	215,423 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	198,613 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Blended Syrups	145 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	60 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Articles Over 65% Sugar	238 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	269 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Articles Over 10% Sugar	14,942 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	15,471 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	124 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	84 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Chocolate Crumb	8,996,737 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	173,391 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	380,061 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Mixes and Doughs	178 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	170 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	593 mt	October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
	653 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Ice Cream	2,241,098 liters	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Animal Feed Containing Milk	74,236 kilograms	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Short Staple Cotton	2,385,410 kilograms	September 20, 2013 to September 19, 2014
	2,899,397 kilograms	September 20, 2014 to September 19, 2015
Harsh or Rough Cotton	60 kilograms	August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014
	0 kilograms	August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015
Medium Staple Cotton	57,587 kilograms	August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014
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Extra Long Staple Cotton	505,834 kilograms	August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014
	860,694 kilograms	August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015
Cotton Waste	589,849 kilograms	September 20, 2013 to September 19, 2014
	443,246 kilograms	September 20, 2014 to September 19, 2015
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	50,873 kilograms	September 20, 2013 to September 19, 2014
	4,035 kilograms	September 20, 2014 to September 19, 2015

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